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Montana is home to many of the most outstanding seedstock herds in the United States. The intent of the Montana Purebred Sheep Directory is to provide potential buyers with an all-breed directory of Montana's finest purebred sheep.

The Directory was developed by the **Montana Department of Agriculture** in cooperation with the **Montana Wool Growers Association**. The Department of Agriculture's Marketing Program staff is committed to assisting producers in reaching new markets and expanding existing ones.

The primary goal of the Marketing Program is to assist Montanans in the development and trade of our state's agricultural commodities and value-added products. Program objectives are developed using producer input to ensure that projects are beneficial to the industry.

Every attempt has been made to make this directory as complete and accurate as possible. Those wishing additional information may contact:

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The intent of the Montana Growth Through Agriculture Act is to create jobs and expand agricultural business opportunities.

Montana
Wool Growers Association

The Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA) was formed in January of 1883 at a meeting in Fort Benton. Montana territorial sheep producers saw a need for an organization to represent the wool and lamb business that was starting to flourish in the territory. The sheepmen in attendance elected Paris Gibson as its first president, the same man who would later lay out the plans for a city along the Missouri River, now called Great Falls. Gibson had come to the Montana territory to raise sheep on the rolling plains of the West.

The organization presently has its headquarters in Helena and the current President is Larry Pilster, a sheep and cattle producer from Carter County in Southeastern Montana. Monte Fitch is Vice-President. His sheep and cattle ranch is located in Garfield County. The association's Secretary/Treasurer is Bob Gilbert of Helena.

The Montana Wool Growers Association represents sheep producer interests on the issues of federal land management, predatory animal control, imports of lamb and wool from foreign sheep producing countries, taxation and land use planning. Lobbying is also done on behalf of Montana Sheep Producers at the state Legislature and in Washington D.C. The association hosts an annual ram sale in Miles City the second Thursday after Labor Day in September. The members have their annual convention in Billings the first weekend in December each year.

MWGA is also affiliated with the national sheep organization, the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), which has offices in Englewood, Colorado and Washington, D.C.

Membership is open to any Montana sheep producer with dues structured at four cents per pound of shorn wool.

Montana Wool Growers Association
7 Edwards Street
PO Box 1693
Helena, MT 59624
Tel: (406)442-1330

Columbia

Mature Body Weight

Ram	250-350 lb.
Ewe	160-240 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	29-23
Spinning Count	62-54

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 12-16 lb.

Yield

45-55%

Staple Length

4-6"

Description

Columbia was the first breed developed in the U.S. beginning in 1912 from Lincoln x Rambouillet crosses. Columbias are a hardy and gregarious breed that make good mothers. They are one of the larger size breeds in the U.S. and are increasingly used as terminal sires to produce fast-growing lean market lambs. They have white faces with wool extending down the legs and yield heavy, medium-wool fleeces with good staple length.

Sale Locations

MWGA Ram Sale	Miles City, MT
MT Columbia Association State Sale	Lewistown, MT
Mon Dak Sheep Sale	Sidney, MT

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 6,115

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Columbia

Blackman Ranch (Rams/Ewes)
Scott & Raina Blackman
2925 Craig Frontage Road
Wolf Creek, MT 59648
(406)235-4227
♂ ♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - May to Nov*
Choteau Sheep Expo
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Broken Dollar Ranch (Rams/Ewes)
Kim Van De Riet
101 Meridian Lane
Vaughn, MT 59487
(800)467-6772 (406)467-2324
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty-Year Round*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale
Choteau Sheep Expo
Natl. Columbia Show and Sale
Reno All American Show & Sale

Donovan Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Quinn Donovan
Box 126
Larslan, MT 59244
(406)725-3385
♂ ♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty-August 15th*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Fullerton Ranch (Rams/Ewes)
Julie Fullerton
PO Box 207
Harrison, MT 59435
(406)685-3404
cfjf@3rivers.net
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - August 31*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Gibbs Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
HC 62, Box 382
Jordan, MT 59337
(406)557-2852
♂ ♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale
MWGA Ram Sale

Robert Grove (Rams/Ewes)
Box 117
Buffalo, MT 59418
(406)374-2302
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty-October*

James L. Hadley (Rams/Ewes)
381 Eighth Lane NE
Fairfield, MT 59436
(406)467-2860
hadley@3rivers.net
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty-Year Round*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Hitch Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Douglas Hitch
Box 368
Hobson, MT 59452
(406)423-5651
♂ ♎
Sales: *Private Treaty - Aug. to Dec.*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale
Choteau Sheep Expo

Hochstrat Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
4021 Highway 12
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
(406)547-3866
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

♂**Farm Records** ♎**NSIP Records** ♋**B. Ovis Free** ◆**Other Records**

Montana's average annual rainfall varies from 20-40 inches in the Northwest, 10-12 inches in the north central regions and 12-16 inches in the Southeast.

Johnson Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Brenda Johnson
3615 Highway 2 West
Kalispell, MT 59901
(406)756-7604
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Langhus Columbia Sheep
Gene and Mary Langhus (Rams/Ewes)
PO Box 1042
Big Timber, MT 59011-1042
(406)932-4718
glanghus@mcn.net
♂ ♎ ♋ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Montana Aerie Columbias
Tom and Anne Key (Rams/Ewes)
140 Russell Ranch
Great Falls, MT 59405
(406)735-5665 (406)454-2171
mtaerie@3rivers.net
♂ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - After June 1st*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Mushaben Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Paul and Janell Mushaben
5201 21 Mile Road
Broadview, MT 59015
(406)667-2188
mushaben@ttc-cmc.net
♂ ♋

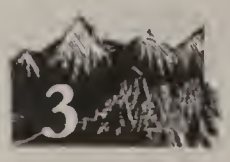
Pankratz Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Grace L., John and Laurie Pankratz
Box 288
Opheim, MT 59250
(406)724-3232
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - September 1*
MT Columbia Assoc. State Sale

Rocking Heart Farm (Rams/Ewes)
Bruce or Bonnie Thompson
Route 1, Box 1248
Bridger, MT 59014
(406)662-3720
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

VanEvery Columbias (Rams/Ewes)
Wade and Cheryl VanEvery
Route 2, Box 2258
Sidney, MT 59270
(406)482-5034
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - September 1st*
Mon Dak Sheep Sale

Warner Ranch (Rams/Ewes)
John Warner
421 Knapstad Road
Sun River, MT 59483
(406)264-5229
jwarner@3rivers.net
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*
Choteau Sheep Expo

Mick Weist (Rams)
Route 1, Box 2253
Miles City, MT 59301
(406)232-6438
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale



Montana has a continental climate with four distinct seasons. Normal temperatures range from 85 degrees Fahrenheit in the summer to –20 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter.

Notes

Dorset

Mature Body Weight

Ram	225-275 lb.
Ewe	150-200 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	32-26
Spinning Count	58-48

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 5-8 lb.

Yield

50-65%

Staple Length

3-4.5"

History

Originating in Southern England, the Dorset Horn was imported to the U.S. in 1885. In 1948, a dominant gene for polledness occurred resulting in Polled Dorsets which are now popular in the farm flock states. Dorsets are medium-sized, white-faced animals, producing medium-wool fleeces free of black fibers with wool extending down the legs. Dorsets are noted for their aseasonal breeding characteristics and are commonly used in crossbreeding to produce females for out of season breeding. Ewes are long lived, prolific and heavy milkers that produce hardy lambs with moderate growth and maturity, yielding heavy muscled carcasses.

Sale Locations

Inland Northwest Sheep Sale	Coeur d'Alene, ID

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 14,862

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Campbell Sheep Ranch
Chris Campbell **(Rams/Ewes)**
777 Oil Well Road
Corvallis, MT 59828
(406)363-3199
campbellsheepranch@yahoo.com
♂

Eckstein Ranch Co., Inc. **(Rams)**
Mathew R. Eckstein
Rural Route 1, Box 2610
Absarokee, MT 59001
(406)328-4389
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - August to Nov.*
Inland Northwest Sheep Sale

Located in the Northwestern United States between 44 degrees and 49 degrees north latitude and 104 degrees and 116 degrees west longitude, Montana covers a total of 145,399 square miles or 92.9 million acres.

Polypay

Mature Body Weight

Ram	190-250 lb.
Ewe	140-180 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	31-24
Spinning Count	60-48

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 7-10 lb.

Yield

50-60%

Staple Length

3-5"

History

The Polypay is a breed developed in the 1970's at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station at Dubois, Idaho, and Nicholas Farms at Sonoma, California. Targhee x Dorset and Rambouillet x Finnsheep crosses were mated to form a 4-breed composite. The breed is medium-sized, white-faced and prolific with an extended breeding season. They are good mothers and milkers, and produce lambs with acceptable growth and carcass quality. Due to the recent formation of this breed, body size, type and fleece traits are still quite variable.

Sale Locations

Mon Dak Sheep Sale	Sidney, MT

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 4,772

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Polypay

Goldenwest Polypays
Gene Schock
2123 Pinsoneault Road
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
(406)745-4280
♂
Sales: Private Treaty - Year Round

Next Year's Farm **(Rams/Ewes)**
Jack Roe
PO Box 33
Sun River, MT 59483
(406)264-5424 (208)250-7374
♂
Sales: Private treaty

Petersen's Polypay **(Rams/Ewes)**
Kermit and Sandy Petersen
Route 2-2527
Sidney, MT 59270
(406)482-3016
♂
Sales: Private Treaty - Fall

Ryen Ranch **(Rams/Ewes)**
Jack Ryen
766 Penwell Bridge Road
Belgrade, MT 59714
(406)388-6385
ryenranch@aol.com
♂
Sales: Private Treaty - Year Round

Wichman Poly-Tex **(Rams/Ewes)**
Greg and Tami Wichman
Box 466
Hilger, MT 59451
(406)538-5686
♂
Sales: Private Treaty

♂Farm Records ♎NSIP Records ♋B. Ovis Free ◆Other Records

Sheep grazing is one of the most economically and environmentally sound methods of controlling many noxious weeds.

Rambouillet

Mature Body Weight

Ram	200-300 lb.
Ewe	140-180 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	24-19
Spinning Count	70-60

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 10-15 lb.

Yield

45-55%

Staple Length

2.5-4"

Description

Developed from the Spanish Merino in France and Germany, the Rambouillet is the foundation of most Western U.S. range flocks. White-faced with wool on the legs, the Rambouillet is largest of the fine wool breeds. This rugged animal is adaptable to a wide variety of arid range conditions and has a well-developed flocking instinct and is long-lived. The breed also has an extended breeding season and produces a high-quality fine-wool fleece.

Sale Locations

MWGA Ram Sale	Miles City, MT
Mon Dak Sheep Sale	Sidney, MT
Northern Wyoming Ram Sale	Buffalo, WY
Newell Ram Sale	Newell, SD

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 12,228

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Rambouillet

Helle Rambouillet **(Rams/Ewes)**
John Helle
1350 Stone Creek Road
Dillon, MT 59725
(406)683-6686
♂ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - After July 15th*
MWGA Ram Sale
Northern Wyoming Ram Sale

Chi McCuin **(Rams/Ewes)**
331 Dupuyer Cutoff
Valier, MT 59486
(406)279-3425
♂ ♋ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - July to Dec.*
MWGA Ram Sale
Choteau Sheep Expo

Nies Rams **(Rams/Ewes)**
Robert "Butch" Nies
PO Box 473
Ekalaka, MT 59324-0473
(406)775-6254
Sales: *Private Treaty - Sept. to Dec.*

Spear "M" Rambouillet
Terry and Carol Messerli **(Rams/Ewes)**
4100 McGirl Road
Billings, MT 59105
(406)373-6047
sheeptndr@aol.com
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - Fall*

♂Farm Records **♎NSIP Records** **♋B. Ovis Free** **◆Other Records**

Over 90 percent of a sheep's diet is composed of plant material, which cannot be used directly by humans.

Suffolk

Mature Body Weight

Ram	275-400 lb.
Ewe	200-300 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	33-26
Spinning Count	58-46

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 4-8 lb.

Yield

50-60%

Staple Length

2.5-3.5"

Description

The Suffolk originated in England from Southdown x Norfolk crosses and was imported into the U.S. in 1888. This is the largest-sized breed in the U.S. which, along with rapid growth rate, makes it well adapted as a sire breed for production of crossbred slaughter lambs. The Suffolk has bare and black head and legs, is prolific and a good milker, which produces a medium-grade fleece raised under a range of climatic conditions. Suffolk lambs grow rapidly and produce high cutability carcasses.

Sale Locations

MWGA Ram Sale	Miles City, MT
MT Suffolk Association State Sale	Lewistown, MT
Mon Dak Sheep Sale	Sidney, MT
Harding County Ram Sale	Buffalo, ND
Newell Ram Sale	Newell, SD
Inland Northwest Sheep Sale	Coeur d' Alene, ID

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 38,414

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Suffolk

Abbott Suffolks **(Rams/Ewes)**
Rick and Dee Abbott
HC 46, Box 7951
Miles City, MT 59301
(406)232-4884 (406)951-5438
xtxqhorse@hotmail.com
♂ ♋
Sales: *MT Wool Growers Range Ram Sale*
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale

Amen Suffolks **(Rams/Ewes)**
Marlene F. Amen
319 South 64th Street West
Billings, MT 59106
(406)656-2591
♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - After May 15th*
MWGA Ram Sale
Yellowstone Exhibition

Campbell Sheep Ranch
Chris Campbell **(Rams/Ewes)**
777 Oil Well Road
Corvallis, MT 59828
(406)961-3458
campbellsheepranch@yahoo.com

Pete Cornell **(Rams)**
HC 67, Box 70
Loma, MT 59460
(406)739-4361 (406)739-4392
Sales: *Private Treaty*

D Bar B Ranch **(Rams/Ewes)**
Dianna Benitz
7468 Esterby Lane
Charlo, MT 59824
(406)644-3493
chr3494@blackfoot.com
♂ ♋
Sales: *Inland NW Sale, Idaho*
Billings Suffolk Sale
Washington Suffolk Sale

Franko Ranch **(Rams/Ewes)**
Dwayne and Kyle Franko
PO Box 87
Melrose, MT 59743
(406)835-2932
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty*

Robert Grove **(Rams)**
Box 117
Buffalo, MT 59418
(406)374-2302
Sales: *Private Treaty - October*

Isbell Suffolks **(Rams/Ewes)**
Robbie and Garth Isbell
11284 Kelly Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715
(406)586-2890
mqinc@imt.net
♂ ♋ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - June*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale
Inland Northwest - Couer d' Alene

Kylona Suffolk **(Rams/Ewes)**
Kyle Carr
PO Box 184
Hobson, MT 59452
(406)423-5668
carr@ttc-cmc.net
♂ ♋

Chi McCuin **(Rams)**
331 Dupuyer Cutoff
Valier, MT 59486
(406)279-3425
♂ ♋ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - July to Dec.*
MWGA Ram Sale
Choteau Sheep Expo

♂**Farm Records** ♎**NSIP Records** ♋**B. Ovis Free** ◆**Other Records**

Montana has 57.5 million acres of land in farm or ranch production. Range and pastureland account for 64.8 percent; cropland 30.1 percent, woodland 3.5 percent and other land 1.6 percent.

McKay Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Bill and Ev McKay
Box 71, 459 Millegan Road
Ulm, MT 59485
(406)866-3368
bemckay@mcn.net
Sales: *Private Treaty*
Choteau Sheep Expo

Mitchell's Mile High Suffolks
(Ewes)
Laura Mitchell
142 Pine Creek Road
Livingston, MT 59047
(406)222-1671
♂

Ostrum Livestock (Rams/Ewes)
R.M. and Kathleen Ostrum
Box 100
Fishtail, MT 59028
(406)328-4878
♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*
Annual D & O Ram/Ewe Sale
Public Auction Yards

Peterson Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Charles D. Peterson
500 Patt #13
Glendive, MT 59330
(406)365-5840
cdp@midrivers.com
♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - September*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale

Prairie Rose Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Gayle Lucas
21 Prairie Rose Lane
Philipsburg, MT 59858
(406)859-3890 (406)846-3311
pllygreen@aol.com
♂ ♋

Prairie Smoke Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Janae and Polly Green
900 Larkspur Road
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
(406)846-3652

Rath Family Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Ray and Jane Rath
Route 1, Box 2215
Miles City, MT 59301
(406)232-1060
♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - September*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale

Robbins Upper Flat Suffolks
Curt Robbins
213 Upper Flat Road
Columbus, MT 59019
(406)322-5516 (406)322-6018
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale

Silver Lining Suffolks (Rams/Ewes)
Gayle Ott
Box 56
Reed Point, MT 59069
(406)326-2187
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - Aug. to Nov.*

♂Farm Records ♎NSIP Records ♋B. Ovis Free ◆Other Records

In 1998, 21,800 lambs born in Montana were killed by predators. Total cost of these losses was $1.105 million.

Stevens Ranch Suffolks **(Rams)**
Norm and Gail Stevens
PO Box 286
Joliet, MT 59041
(406)962-3558
stevensranch@compuserve.com
♂♋◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - After June 1*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Suffolk Assoc. State Sale

Warner Ranch **(Rams/Ewes)**
John Warner
421 Knapstad Road
Sun River, MT 59483
(406)264-5229
jwarner@3rivers.net
♂♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*
Choteau Sheep Expo.

Weyer Ranch **(Ewes)**
Debbie Weyer
North Star Route, Box 319
Wibaux, MT 59353
(406)795-2697
wranch@pop.ctctel.com

In 1997, nearly 32 percent of America's farmers were 65 years old or older. In 1978, just over 15 percent of the nation's farmers were above retirement age. The number reached 20 percent in 1987.

Targhee

Mature Body Weight

Ram	200-300 lb.
Ewe	140-200 lb.

Average Fiber Diameter

Micron	25-21
Spinning Count	64-58

Grease Fleece Weight

Ewe 10-14 lb.

Yield

45-55%

Staple Length

3-5"

Description

Developed in 1926 at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in Dubois, Idaho, the Targhee has 3/4 fine-wool and 1/4 long-wool breeding from Rambouillet x Columbia and Rambouillet x Lincoln x Corriedale crosses. The Targhee is a medium- to large-sized, white-faced breed with wool on the legs and is adaptable to varied climate and forage conditions; they are predominately located in the intermountain and northern states. They herd well, produce good quality market lambs, and yield a heavy, medium-wool fleece with good staple length.

Sale Locations

MWGA Ram Sale	Miles City, MT
MT Targhee Association State Sale	Lewistown, MT
Newell Ram Sale	Newell, SD
Harding County Ram Sale	Buffalo, ND

Registrations -- Previous five-year average, 2,207

Information on breed specifications provided by ASI.

Targhee

Corey R. Arnold **(Rams/Ewes)**
Rural Route 1, Box 2600
Absarokee, MT 59001
(406)328-7075
aarnold@mcn.net
♂ ♎ ♋ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Targhee Assoc. State Sale

Barthelmess Targhee **(Rams/Ewes)**
Leo Barthelmess, Jr.
HC 84, Box 8058
Malta, MT 59538
(406)658-2627
♂ ◆
Sales: *Private Treaty - Aug. to March*

John Capra
1436 Railroad Highway
Ballantine, MT 59006
(406)967-2353
fishin68@hotmail.com
♂ ♎
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale

Crystal Brook Ranch **(Ewes)**
Darryl and Kris Mackey
346 Chaffin Creek Road
Darby, MT 59829
(406)821-4494
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

Dallas Sheep Outfit **(Rams)**
Mardy, Cassie and Cody Dallas
RRt 2
Wilsall, MT 59086
(406)578-2159
dallassheep@mcn.net
♂ ♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - September*
MWGA Ram Sale
National Targhee Sale

Eagle Ranch
Doug and Ann Benford
PO Box 662
Eureka, MT 59917
(406)889-3984
♂

Dick Everett **(Rams/Ewes)**
1730 S. Burnt Fork Rd
Stevensville, MT 59870
(406)777-5217 (406)273-2328
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*

Frasch's Targhees
Ronald and Judy Frasch
Rural Route 1, Box 2080
Wibaux, MT 59353
(406)796-2955 (406)939-2156
♂ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*

Kathy Felton **(Rams/Ewes)**
PO Box 427
Big Timber, MT 59011
(406)932-4321
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty*

♂**Farm Records** ♎**NSIP Records** ♋**B. Ovis Free** ◆**Other Records**

Carter County was the number one sheep-raising county in the state in 1999, with 53,000 sheep and lambs. Garfield County was second with 43,000 head, followed by Wheatland, Beaverhead and Powder River Counties

Green Ranch (Rams/Ewes)
Carolyn Green
Box 266
Melville, MT 59055
(406)537-4472
greenranch@mcn.net
♂ Ω
Sales: *Private Treaty - Aug. to Dec.*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Targhee Assoc. State Sale

Horse Butte Ranch (Rams)
Erka Voss
Box 297
Two Dot, MT 59085
(406)632-4281
♂ Ω

Hughes Newford Company
Betty Sampsel (Rams/Ewes)
PO Box 558
Stanford, MT 59479
(406)566-2700
jbsampsel@hotmail.com
♂ Ω
Sales: *Private Treaty - Aug. to Dec.*
MWGA Ram Sale

Maggie Julson
Rural Route 1, box 146
Reedpoint, MT 59069
(406)326-2327
sheep@pocketmail.com
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

Vernon Knipfer (Rams/Ewes)
HC 51, Box 917
Mill Iron, MT 59324
(406)775-6607
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty - After July*
National Targhee Sale

Korman Ranch Targhees
Ronnie and Maxine Korman
PO Box 162
Hinsdale, MT 59241
(406)648-5536
kormanmax@hotmail.com
♂ Ω ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale

Tyler Lane
9740 Mainwaring
Molt, MT 59057
(406)669-3189
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Lewis Family Ranch
Ralph R. Lewis
HC 58, Box 212
Reedpoint, MT 59069
(406)326-2306
◆

McRae Brothers Targhees
Jack McRae (Rams/Ewes)
Box 34
Jordan, MT 59337
(406)557-6266
sheep@bigdry.com
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Sales: *Private Treaty - September 15*
MWGA Ram Sale
National Targhee Sale

Murnion Targhees
Rex and Lori Murnion
71 Tullock Lane
Roy, MT 59471
(406)464-2787
♂ ♋
Sales: *B & O Ram Sale*

♂Farm Records ΩNSIP Records ♋B. Ovis Free ◆Other Records

In January 1999, Montana ranked 3rd in the nation for lamb production and ranked 6th for wool production during the 1999 clipping season.

Painted Farm (Rams/Ewes)
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Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

Paugh, Inc. (Rams)
Jerry Paugh
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♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - After July 1st*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Targhee Assoc. State Sale

Steve and Doris Sherick
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Sieben Livestock Co. (Rams/Ewes)
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Helena, MT 59624
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♎ ♋
Sales: *Private Treaty -After Sept. 15th*
MWGA Ram Sale
MT Targhee Assoc. State Sale

Steadman Ranch (Rams)
Chuck or Tim Steadman
Jordan Stage, HCR33
Miles City, MT 59301
(406)232-0211 (406)232-5056
♂ ♎
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale

Lyle Tauck & Sons (Rams/Ewes)
HC 49, Box 23
Hammond, MT 59332
(406)775-6356
Sales: *Private Treaty - Fall*

Tunby Ranch Targhees
Randy and Amanda Tunby
PO Box 1244
Baker, MT 59313
(406)772-5627
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Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale

Bettye G. White
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(406)586-2301
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty*

♂**Farm Records** ♎**NSIP Records** ♋**B. Ovis Free** ◆**Other Records**

American Agriculture employs more than 22 million people working in some phase – from growing food and fiber to selling it at the supermarket.

Other Breeds

A number of other breeds of sheep, also know as Minor Breeds, are raised in Montana. They are raised for both wool and meat consumption. These breeds include:

Border Leicester
Corriedale
Hampshire
Icelandic
Katahdin
Montadale
Shetland
Textel
Targhee x Merino

Sale Locations

Midwest Stud Ram Sale	Sedalia, MO
Top of the Rockies	Longmont, CO
Newell Ram Sale	Newell, SD
MWGA Ram Sale	Miles City, MT
National Corriedale Sale	

Other Breeds

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Correidale

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♋
Sales: *Private Treaty - June to Nov.*
Midwest Stud Ram Sale
National Corriedale Sale

Hampshire

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Englert Hampshires
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Bridger, MT 59014
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Sales: *Private Treaty*

Rocking Heart Farm (Rams/Ewes)
Bruce or Bonnie Thompson
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Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

Steadman Ranch
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HC 33, Box 5225
Miles City, MT 59301
(406)232-0211
♎
Sales: *Private Treaty*
MWGA Ram Sale

Icelandic

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trf@mcn.net
◆
Sales: *Private Treaty*

♂Farm Records ♎NSIP Records ♋B. Ovis Free ◆Other Records

*Each year on American farmer provides food and fiber for 129 people, 97 in the U.S. and 32 abroad

Katahdin

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Sales: *Private Treaty - Year Round*

Montadale

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Corvallis, MT 59840
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Sales: *Private Treaty*
Local Shows and Sales

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Ulm, MT 59485
(406)468-2469
fiberfarm@imt.net

Targhee x Merino

Dick Everett (Rams/Ewes)
1730 S. Burnt Fork Rd.
Stevensville, MT 59870
(406)777-5217
♂ ♋
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MWGA State Sale

Texel

Wichman Poly-Tex (Rams/Ewes)
Greg and Tami Wichman
Box 466
Hilger, MT 59451
(406)538-5686
♂
Sales: *Private Treaty*

Notes

Steps For Exporting Seedstock To Canada

1. Locate a buyer for your sheep.

2. Contact your practicing accredited veterinarian who has been trained to test animals for export and issue international health certificates. The veterinarian will be involved with the finite details of moving the sheep across the border. He will work closely with the Federal veterinarian in the USDA Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) office in Helena, MT, who will review, endorse and emboss a seal on the health papers prior to export.

3. The accredited veterinarian will inspect and test animals for export in accordance with import requirements of Canada. The testing required depends on whether it is done during the vector free period (October 15 to March 31) or vector period (April 1 to October 14).

   Vector Free Period (October 15 to March 31)

   a. One C.F. test negative at 1:10 for B. Ovis.
   b. One ELISA (bluetongue) test if bled between Nov. 15 and March 31, otherwise 2 bluetongue tests are required
   c. There is no on-farm isolation or vector control required during the non-vector period.

   Vector Period (April 1 to October 14)

   a. Two tests for bluetongue 30-90 days apart, export isolation and treatment for vector control required.
   b. One C.F. test required for B. Ovis within 30 days of export.

4. When all testing is complete and the results are negative, then you can proceed to ship your sheep across the border. At the border, the border patrol will need to see a signed copy of the health certificate and a signed copy of the requirements for movement of sheep from U.S. to Canada. They will also charge an import fee.

Costs

Here is an **EXAMPLE** of export costs and a timeline for 10 head of breeding rams tested during vector period of April 1st to October 14th. In this case, the rams will be sold on August 15th.

1. Local veterinarian costs for examination, drawing blood, lab fees and writing certificates.
    - 30 days before sale, contact your veterinarian.
      He will charge you for both the out-call and examination. Prices may vary from $40-100. On his first visit, you will also pay $5-$14/head for the bluetongue test. The B-Ovis test costs $4-8 for the first sheep and $1.50-3.00 for each additional sheep. Consequently, total cost for 10 head would be $50-140 for the blue tongue test and $17.50-35 for the B-Ovis test. Total cost of the first visit would be $107.50-275.
    - Your veterinarian will need to return in 30 days for the second out-call.
      He will charge you for both the out-call and for examination. Prices may vary from $40-100. You will also pay $5-14/head lab fee for the bluetongue test. Total cost for the 10 head would be $50-140. Total cost for the second visit would be $90-240.
    - Your veterinarian may charge you anywhere from $0-25 for health certificate preparation.

2. Endorsement and review costs by APHIS:
   USDA user fee includes:
   * $52.50 for the first animal in the group.
   * $3.00 for each additional animal in the group.

   So for our example herd of 10 rams it would cost $79.50.

3. Import fee at the border:
   Canada charges $21 for the first sheep and $4.55 for each additional sheep brought across the border. For our example, this would be a total of $61.95.

4. Total cost will be between $338.95-$681.45 for exporting 10 breeding rams to Canada.

This is just an example of the costs of exportation. All of the prices may vary due to unforseen costs. Consult your local veterinarian for prices in your area.

*These fees were imposed per the 1990 farm bill.

U.S. Sheep Seedstock Alliance (USSSA)

The United States Sheep Seedstock Alliance will be a voice which provides a forum to address the needs of sheep seedstock producers in the United States.

The organization believes the seedstock sector is an important resource of the sheep industry and should have a voice on national issues affecting the industry. By providing a seedstock producer forum they intend be a part of the future leadership of the sheep industry in the United States. Their goal is to be an advocacy alliance for breed improvement, sheep health issues, production technology, foreign and domestic marketing, information processing, and to act as a communications network for the seedstock industry. Their Structure is based on individual memberships to represent purebred, commercial, and registered producers. The USSSA views the sheep seedstock sector as a vital force in the sustainability of the sheep industry around the world. For more information contact:

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